

# Village of Sand Lake

August 2021



## Presidents Report

This past month we have worked on getting Jen Dykstra (accounting firm) remote access to the computers so she could start working forward in accounts. We have our first report from her this month. She has found the bank reconciliations were not needing to be done back to May 2020 but were done wrong leading back to February of 2020. She will keep moving forward and giving us monthly reports.

The DPW has expressed concerns of some current ordinances needing to be added or updated.

I took it upon myself this past month to get the DPW employees high visibility work shirts. This will allow them to be seen and to be cooler while working.

Last meeting we formed a planning commission; we will be setting up our first meeting soon. This is very exciting to now be in compliance with our charter, ordinances, and state statute.

I would like to thank Marcia Helton for looking into replacement for the tree in Salisbury park, getting tables for the business district, getting quote for basketball court to be redone, and heading up fundraising for the new basketball court.

Thank you

Mollie Doerr

### **New column: Ask the President**

Email the President with your questions you would like answered.  
[president@villageofsandlake.org](mailto:president@villageofsandlake.org)

### **Life in the Department of Public Works**

July is over as is the busyness of the Fourth of July Celebration. Thank you for the help and support of community. We have continued staying busy with regular day to day responsibilities of the Department. These responsibilities being lawn care of the different Village properties, parks, and ballfields, daily checks of the wells and WWTF, discharging, flushing of hydrants as well as building and equipment maintenance.

By the time you read this our pick-up truck will be back on the road from having some insurance work done at the body shop. It should be looking nice. We continue to deal some necessary but unfortunately expensive repairs to different pieces of equipment. We hope that as these repairs are made, we are adding a good amount of life to each piece of equipment. We continue to assess our equipment needs, their usefulness and what direction we feel we need to go concerning the various pieces.

# Fire Department:

## Community service:

Ensley Crime Watch Picnic was held on July 31, 2021. The fire department helped with the cooking and had several vehicles there, along with showing the new extrication tools to community. Sand Lake Chamber donated \$1500.00 to equipment fund.

## Clerk's Report

- Meeting a lot of residents coming in to pay water bills and taxes. It is always wonderful to meet and see you all.
- We applied for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF). This will bring roughly \$56,000 to the village. I am still reading through all the terms and conditions on what this money can be used for infrastructure and possibly towards the fire department. I will keep you up to date on that and the arrival of the money.
- I worked with Francine Cole learning more about making sure taxes and accounts are up to date with federal, state, and unemployment. We will continue to work together on this down the road.
- I have spent a lot of this month chasing down paperwork. New contracts, old contracts, filing papers, forwarding copies, etc. I am still familiarizing myself with all the moving parts that make the Village run.
- The accountant with Morgan and Associates, Jen Dykstra is all set up and starting to work now. I worked with Betsy the Villages IT person to get Jen remote access to computers and able to log-in to the bank to go through statements.

## Treasurer Report

Quarterly Utility Billing – Until further notice we will be going back to folding & stuffing our bills. According to our Postmaster our existing postcards are too thin and could cause mailing issues. Past due notices will be mailed out by end of month.

2021 Village Tax bills are out and due September 14, 2021.

## Reminders:

The Village offices are open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

Brush pickup is on first and third Thursday of month.